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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S HELPFUL RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION JUSTIFYING PROVISION OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT TO SPANISH DRUG ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES (REFTELS). WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT MORE PRECISE JOINT PLANNING WITH GOS ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IS REQUIRED BEFORE WE CAN PROVIDE SPAIN GRANT EQUIPMENT PACKAGE ENVISAGED.

2. PERHAPS A MORE PRACTICAL WAY OF ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EQUIPMENT, I.E., TO UPGRADE GOS CAPABILITY IN DEALING WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM, WOULD BE SOME ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY ESTABLISHED GOS INTERMINIS-
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TERIAL COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS AND ALCOHOLISM (REF A,

PARA A). INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE HEAD (OR HIS DEPUTY) OF NEW COMMITTEE TO US FOR

TWO-WEEK STUDY TOUR TO FAMILIARIZE HIM WITH ALL ASPECTS OF US HANDLING OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOLISM ISSUES. THIS INITIAL STEP COULD HAVE MAJOR INFLUENCE ON FUTURE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ON MANNER GOS WILL CARRY OUT ITS DRUG CONTROL

PROGRAM AND WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN EMBASSY AND GOS. LONG-TERM BENEFITS SUCH RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE INVALUABLE IN BUILDING ON SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS ALREADY MADE BY EMBASSY WITH GOS AND PROVIDE EMBASSY OPPORTUNITY TO GUIDE GOS IN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM ENJOYING FULL GOS SUPPORT. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS COULD BE BETTER ASSESSED IN LIGHT THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT MOST GOS OFFICIALS ARE ON VACATION DURING AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER. IF EMBASSY AGREES, HEAD OF NEW INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE COULD BE CONTACTED IN SEPTEMBER. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT WILL FURNISH EMBASSY WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SEPARATE MESSAGE) ABOUT PROGRAMS USED IN PREVIOUS VISITS BY OTHER RANKING FOREIGN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRUGS CONTROL. (FYI: FOR SUCH VISITS, POLICY IS FOR USG TO PAY COST OF TOUR INCLUDING US DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT COVERING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS.)

4. FOREGOING DISCUSSED WITH OWEN LEE DURING HIS WASHINGTON CONSULTATION. KISSINGER

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